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1. EMBASSY AUGUST 19 RECEIVED COPY OF LETTER FROM GOG DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION TO MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. LETTER SETS FORTH SUPREME MILITARY COUNCIL'S DECISIONS ON OUTSTANDING ISSUES REMAINING IN US-GHANAIAN BILATERAL AVIATION AGREEMENT. WE HAVE GIVEN COPY OF LETTER TO LOCAL PANAM REP AND WILL AWAIT OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION BY FOREIG MINISTRY AND DEPARTMENT'S INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE TAKING ACTION. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT PASSING FOLLOWING COMPLETE TEXT OF LETTER TO AMBASSADOR BLACK. EMBASSY COMMENTS FOLLOW SEPTEL.

2. QUOTE: BILATERAL AIR SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN GHANA AND THE UNITED STATES. PLEASE REFER TO YOUR LETTER NO. SCR.CM/1A.VOL.2 DATED 2ND APRIL 1976 ADDRESSED TO THE PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUN-ICATIONS AND COPIED TO ME.

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COUNCIL. THE COUNCIL HAS NOW COME OUT WITH THE FOLLOWING

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DECISIONS:

(I) THE DRAFT AIR SERVICES AGREEMENT INITIALLED BY REPRESEN-
TATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENT OF GHANA AND THE USA AT THE NEGOTIATIONS
MEETING HELD IN WASHINGTON DC IN NOVEMBER, 1975, SHOULD
FORMALLY BE SIGNED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT AND
COMMUNICATIONS ON BEHALF OF GOVERNMENT:

(II) PANAM SHOULD BE EXEMPTED FROMPAYMENT OF FUTURE INCOME
TAX OF GHANA GOVERNMENT, PROVIDED THE GOVERNMENT OF THE USA
WOULD ACCORD THE SAME EXEMPTION TO GHANA AIRWAYS; THIS CLAUSE
SHOULD TAKE EFFECT FROM THEDATE GHANA AIRWAYS STARTS
OPERATING TO THE USA:

(III)) PANAM SHOULD NOT BE GIVEN TRAFFIC RIGHTS BEYOND
GHANA TO KENYA AND UGANDA; AS IT HAS ALREADY BEEN GIVEN
TRAFFIC RIGHT TO TANZANIA;

(IV) PANAM SHOULD BE RESTRICTED TO ONLY TWO INTERMEDIATE
STOPS, ROBERTSFIELD AND DAKAR, ALREADY GRANTED ON THE
WEST COAST; AND THAT
(V) THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS SHOULD START
NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE NATIONAL AIRLINES OF NIGERIA, LIBERIA
AND THOSE OF OTHER WEST AFRICAN COUNTRIES THAT ARE IN-
TERESTED IN POOLING TOGETHER WITH THE GHANA AIRWAYS TO
OPERATE FLIGHTS TO THE USA.

(VI) COUNCIL, HOWEVER, DECLINED TO APPROVE THE
RECOMMENDATIONS THAT PANAM SHOULD PAY TAX ARREARS OUT-
STANDING SINCE 1954.

I SHALL BE GRATEFUL IF YOU WILL KINDLY CONVEY THE
ABOVE INFORMATION TO THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT. (SIGNED
E.R.K. DWEMOH, DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION). UNQUOTE.
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